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PROTECTION OF LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to frame rules to protect the interest of labourers and raise funds to provide training re-employment and voluntary retirement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which such facilities are likely to be created and implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a), (b) & (c): The Government have already framed rules for protecting the interest of the labourers and providing training/re-employment and voluntary retirement under National Renewal Fund(NRF).However, resources under the NRF have not been sufficient to meet the cost of Voluntary Separation Scheme (VSS) for those PSUs which are sick and cannot be revived.With a view to protect the interest of workers, the Government has made a Provision of Rs. 100 crores for Voluntary Separation Scheme in the Union Budget 2000-2001. In addition to this a sum of Rs.270 crores has been provided for grant-in-aid to Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)for implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS).The VSS will be funded by unbundling assets of sick and non-revivable PSUs and by putting in place mechanisms to raise resources from the market against the security of these assets.